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SUBJECT: THE AEGEAN DISPUTE

REF: ANKARA 6011 (DTG 051435Z AUG 76) (NOTAL)

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR CYPRUS AND
TURKISH AFFAIRS (NOMIKOS) CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE COORDINATES
GIVEN IN THE TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REGION OF
OPERATIONS OF THE SISMIK DURING THE SECOND PHASE OF ITS ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE WATERS OVER GREECE'S CONTINENTAL SHELF. NOMIKOS SAID THE
GOG WOULD OBSERVE THE SISMIK'S ACTIVITIES DISCREETLY AND FROM
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A DISTANCE. SINCE DURING THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS

ACTIVITIES THE SISMIK DID NOT OPERATE IN ALL OF THE AREA THAT IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IT WOULD, THE GREEKS THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT IT WOULD NOT GO INTO ALL OF THE AREA COVERED BY THIS LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT. IN ANY CASE, HE ADDED, THE GOG WAS WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, NOMIKOS INDICATED THAT THE GREEK OCEANOGRAPHIC SHIP THE NAUTILUS WOULD BE OPERATING IN THE NORTHERN AEGEAN AND NOT IN THE AREA WHERE THE SISMIK WOULD BE LOCATED. MOREOVER, HE SAID, THE NAUTILUS WOULD NOT GO INTO ANY DISPUTED AREAS.

3. MEANWHILE, PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS MET YESTERDAY (AUGUST 5) WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BITSIOS. ALL ATHENS DAILIES REPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SISMIK WERE THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION.

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